

REMARKS

In the Official Action of June 6, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Kessler et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,119,864) and claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Danielson et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,341,710). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 2 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kessler et al.* or *Danielson et al.*, claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kessler et al.* or *Danielson et al.* in view of Official Notice, and claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Danielson et al.* in view of *Krock* (U.S. Patent No. 3,600,917) or *Kessler et al.*

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Kessler et al.* and claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Danielson et al.* Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to more clearly define the invention, and recites, *inter alia*, "a small article holding pocket formed on a part of a periphery of said small article mounting plate portion of said plug-in body, wherein at least a part of a small article is capable of being inserted into the small article holding pocket and held therein." No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Neither *Kessler et al.* nor *Danielson et al.*, discloses or suggests "a small article holding pocket formed on a part of a periphery of said small article mounting plate portion of said plug-in body, wherein at least a part of a small article is capable of being inserted into the small article holding pocket and held therein." Specifically, neither

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Kessler et al. nor *Danielson et al.* disclose or suggest a holding pocket formed on a part of the periphery of the small article mounting plate portion of the plug-in body. To the contrary, *Kessler et al.* merely discloses an open receiving area that is bordered by the upwardly protruding walls of the drawer. While *Kessler et al.* does disclose grooves for holding a certain shaped battery, these grooves appear to be located in the floor of the drawer and not along the periphery. As argued by the Examiner, "a holding pocket 41 is formed on the mounting plate portion." Similarly, *Danielson et al.* merely discloses an open portion for receiving an article. There is no disclosure or suggestion of a holding pocket formed on the periphery of the open portion, but instead is formed on the mounting plate portion. Finally, *Krock* fails to cure this deficiency. Accordingly, for at least the reasons described above, independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes the present invention over *Kessler et al.* and *Danielson et al.* Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Dependent claims 2 - 5 and 7 are also allowable at least for the reasons above regarding independent claim 1 and by virtue of their dependency upon independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections and immediate allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1 - 5 and 7 in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit that the proposed amendment of claim 1 does not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in

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the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully point out that the final action by the Examiner presented some new arguments as to the application of the art against Applicants' invention. It is respectfully submitted that the entering of the Amendment would allow the Applicants to reply to the final rejections and place the application in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicants submit that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

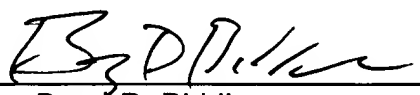
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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